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Attorney Docket No. A-69466-3/RBC/VEJ  
Attorney Matter No. 470900-00021  
Application No. 10/672,766

**REMARKS**

On consideration of the claims of this pending application, Applicants submit the above Preliminary Amendment. Upon entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 121-161 and 169-172 are pending in the application, with claims 121, 134, 169 and 172 being the independent claims. In the interest of expediting prosecution, claims 1-120, 162-168, 173-208 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Support for the subject matter of the amended claims is contained in the application as originally filed. Because the foregoing changes introduce no new matter, their entry is respectfully requested.

**CONCLUSION**

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extension of time or additional claims, and/or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Order No. 470900-00021; Docket No. A-69466-3/RBC/VEJ).

Respectfully submitted,

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